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1. MRS. TURNER CALLED ON DCM TODAY DISTRAUT ABOUT HER LACK OF SUCCESS IN CHILD CUSTODY CASE IN LIBERIAN COURTS AND DISPLEASED THAT EMBASSY NOT ABLE TO DO MORE TO ASSIST HER. DCM ASSURED MRS. TURNER OF EMBASSY'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN CASE AND RECOUNTED POST'S CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS TO ASSIST, INCLUDING MORE THAN TEN APPEARANCES IN COURT BY CONSULAR OFFICER OBSERVING STATUS OF CASE. MRS. TURNER HAS LONG BEEN AWARE OF THE POLITICAL, LEGAL, AND CULTURAL FACTORS WITHIN LIBERIA WHICH MITIGAGE AGAINST HER ENDEAVORS TO OBTAIN LIBERIAN COURT RULING FAVORABLE TO HER CAUSE BUT REMAINS DETERMINED PURSUE HER CASE BY EVERY AVAILABLE MEANS. DCM REMINDED HER OF BOTH STATUTORY AND PRACTICAL LIMITATIONS ON EMBASSY AND ALSO POINTED OUT NUMBER OF POSITIVE FACTORS INCLUDING OUR EFFORTS PUBLICIZE OUR CONCERN AMONG HIGH GOL OFFICIALS, OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE OBSERVING COURT PROCEEDINGS TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND OUR CONTINUING TO REMIND APPROPRIATE PERSONS THAT CHILD EMMERY IS U.S. AS WELL AS LIBERIAN CITIZEN. TODAY'S MEETING WAS NOT VERY SATISFACTORY TO EITHER MRS. TURNER OR EMBASSY BECAUSE OF FRUSTRATIONS IN THIS CASE WHICH ARE WELL KNOWN TO DEPT AND ABOUT WHICH NEITHER MRS. TURNER NOR EMBASSY LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH MUCH. ALTHOUGH SUPREME COURT PROCEEDINGS ON MRS. TURNER'S LATEST MOTION ARE CONTINUING THIS WEEK, EMBASSY CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT COURT IS UNLIKELY REACH DECISION IN HER FAVOR. UNCLASSIFIED

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2. DEPT'S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL, AND ANY OTHER
GUIDANCE WHICH MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE, WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL
TO US AT THIS TIME.
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